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SUBJECT: ECOSOC WORKING GROUP ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS --  
SECOND SESSION

REF: (A) STATE 11838; (B) STATE 17954

1. WE DISCUSSED CONTINUING U.S. CONCERN OVER WEO REPRESENTATION QUESTION IN ECOSOC AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP ON CORRUPT PRACTICES WITH UN DEPARTMENT, FCO OFFICIALS ON JANUARY 19. WE POINTED OUT THAT AS A  
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NUMBER OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES WILL BE DEALT WITH AT NEXT MEETING, IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO HAVE FULL WEO PARTICIPATION. WE SUGGESTED THAT UK AS CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE NINE MAY BE IN A POSITION TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN RESOLVING THIS PROBLEM. FCO OFFICIALS REPLIED THAT THEY HAVE AS YET RECEIVED NO INDICATION FROM UKUN THAT THIS PROBLEM IS CAUSING ANY WORRIES WITHIN WEOG. THEY SAID

THAT AS PARTICIPATION QUESTION CAN ONLY BE RESOLVED IN NEW YORK, THEY WOULD REQUEST UKUN TO TAKE NEW INITIATIVE AND PROMISED TO REPORT RESULTS TO US ASAP.

2. RESPONSE CAME DURING DISCUSSION JANUARY 27 OF POINTS RAISED REFTEL (B) WITH JOHN SYMONS, UN DEPARTMENT, FCO. HE SAID UKUN HAS REPORTED THAT WEOG DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE DISPOSED TO RESOLVE MEMBERSHIP ISSUE. WHILE UKUN IS NOT INCLINED TO CONTINUE "BANGING ITS HEAD AGAINST THE WALL" IT DID, IN RESPONSE TO OUR APPROACH, AGREE TO SOUND OUT POSITIONS ON THIS ISSUE IN GENERAL AND ON RAPPORTEUR SPECIFICALLY AT WEOG MEETING JANUARY 26. UNFORTUNATELY, SYMONS HAS NOT YET RECEIVED REPORT ON THIS APPROACH. SYMONS ATTRIBUTES LACK OF MOVEMENT TO DESIRE ON PART OF MOST WEOG MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN MEETINGS, WHETHER AS FORMAL REPRESENTATIVES OR NOT.

3. DURING DISCUSSION OF REFTEL (B), SYMONS STATED UK CONTINUES TO FAVOR INTERNATIONAL ACTION ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS AND WELCOMES U.S. INITIATIVE. HE SAID UK REPRESENTATIVE AT SECOND SESSION WILL BE RAY MINGAY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF TRADE. MINGAY WILL NOT, HOWEVER, BE BRIEFED TO TAKE LEAD IN RESOLVING MEMBERSHIP ISSUE. THIS WILL BE LEFT TO UKUN.

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